

### **REMARKS**

In this communication, Applicants have amended Claim 7. No new matter is introduced. Claims 7 and 32 are pending. Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

### **Notice of Non-responsive amendment**

The reply filed September 30, 2004 is deemed non-responsive for reasons stated in the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment. Specifically, the Notice alleges that the added term “cloning” in Claim 7 is not underlined and that the retention of the term “system” in Claim 7 does not address the concerns raised in the Office Action of June 30, 2004. Claim 7 has been amended to replace the term “cloning system” with the term “vector,” as proposed by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment is now responsive to the prior Office Action.

In view of the foregoing remarks, favorable reconsideration of all pending claims is requested. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and requests that a notice of allowance be issued. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is required to expedite the prosecution of this application or further clarify the issues, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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